

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (previously presented) A method for providing an audiovisual e-mail system comprising:

providing a server connected to a network;

inputting a message and an audiovisual enhancement which is associated with said message from a sender into said server, said message to be sent as an e-mail to at least one recipient on said network;

associating said message with a self-executing programmable enhancement operative to stream said audiovisual enhancement, at least in part, from said server over said network and to display said audiovisual enhancement in conjunction with said message; and

sending said e-mail over said network to said at least one recipient.

Claims 2-32 (cancelled).

33. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said audiovisual enhancement includes both audio and visual components.

34. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said audiovisual enhancement includes only an audio component.

35. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said audiovisual enhancement includes only a visual component.

36. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said audiovisual enhancement includes a streaming video displayed within a window of a recipient's machine.

37. (currently amended) A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said ~~video~~ audiovisual enhancement is developed on a sender's machine, and is transmitted to said server over said network.

38. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 37 wherein said network includes a TCP/IP network.

39. (previously presented) A method as recited in claim 38 wherein said network includes the Internet.

40. (currently amended) Computer program segments embodied in computer readable media to provide an audiovisual e-mail system comprising:

a code segment transmitting over a network to a server an audiovisual enhancement which is associated with a message from a sender, said message to be sent as an e-mail to at least one recipient on said network; and

a code segment associating said ~~said~~ message with a self-executing code segment operative to stream said audiovisual enhancement, at least in part, from said server over said network and to display said audiovisual enhancement in conjunction with said message upon the selection of said message by said at least one recipient.

41. (previously presented) Computer program segments embodied in computer readable media to provide an audiovisual e-mail system as recited in claim 40 wherein said audiovisual enhancement includes both audio and visual components.

42. (previously presented) Computer program segments embodied in computer readable media to provide an audiovisual e-mail system as recited in claim 40 wherein said audiovisual enhancement includes only an audio component.

43. (previously presented) Computer program segments embodied in computer readable media to provide an audiovisual e-mail system as recited in claim 40 wherein said audiovisual enhancement includes only a visual component.

44. (previously presented) Computer program segments embodied in computer readable media to provide an audiovisual e-mail system as recited in claim 40 wherein said audiovisual enhancement includes a streaming video displayed within a window of said recipient's machine.

45. (previously presented) Computer program segments embodied in computer readable media to provide an audiovisual e-mail system as recited in claim 40 wherein said audiovisual enhancement is developed on a sender's machine.

46. (previously presented) An audiovisual e-mail system comprising:

means transmitting over a network to a server from a sender machine an audiovisual enhancement which is associated with a message from said sender, said message to be sent as an e-mail to at least one recipient on said network; and

means associating said said message with a self-executing program operative to stream said audiovisual enhancement, at least in part, from said server over said network and to display said audiovisual enhancement in conjunction with said message on a recipient machine upon the selection of said message by said at least one recipient.

47. (previously presented) An audiovisual e-mail system as recited in claim 46 wherein said audiovisual enhancement includes both audio and visual components.

48. (previously presented) An audiovisual e-mail system as recited in claim 46 wherein said audiovisual enhancement includes only an audio component.

49. (previously presented) An audiovisual e-mail system as recited in claim 46 wherein said audiovisual enhancement includes only a visual component.

50. (previously presented) An audiovisual e-mail system as recited in claim 46 wherein said audiovisual enhancement includes a streaming video displayed within a window of said recipient's machine.

51. (previously presented) An audiovisual e-mail system as recited in claim 46 wherein said audiovisual enhancement is developed on said sender's machine.